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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing a sales tax exemption for sales of textbooks
2 for a limited time period annually and including an
3 effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 423.3, Code Supplement 2011, is amended
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 96. *a.* The sales price of new and used
4 textbooks for use in attending a postsecondary educational
5 institution if the sale takes place during a period beginning
6 at 12:01 a.m. on the third Friday in August and ending at
7 midnight on the following Saturday.

8 *b.* For purposes of this subsection:

9 (1) "*Postsecondary educational institution*" means an
10 accredited higher education institution as defined in section
11 261.92, an Iowa community college, a postsecondary educational
12 institution under the control of the state board of regents, a
13 school of cosmetology arts and sciences licensed under chapter
14 157, or a barber school licensed under chapter 158.

15 (2) "*Textbooks*" means books and other printed materials used
16 in attending a postsecondary educational institution in this
17 state.

18 *c.* Postsecondary educational institutions are required
19 to provide the titles of required and recommended textbooks
20 for all courses and the corresponding authors, publishers,
21 and international standard book numbers for such textbooks on
22 the postsecondary educational institution's internet site for
23 access to all booksellers and all students. The state board
24 of regents shall designate the format by which the textbook
25 information shall be provided.

26 *d.* In order to receive the sales tax exemption, a person is
27 required to show a current official identification card from a
28 postsecondary educational institution and either the purchaser
29 or the bookseller must show that a textbook intended to be
30 purchased is on a list of textbooks provided by a postsecondary
31 educational institution under paragraph "*c*".

32 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
33 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill provides an annual limited-time sales tax

1 exemption for textbooks used in attending a public or private
2 Iowa postsecondary educational institution, including licensed
3 cosmetology and barber schools. "Textbooks" is defined as
4 books and other printed materials.

5 Postsecondary educational institutions are required to
6 provide the titles of textbooks for all courses and the
7 authors, publishers, and corresponding international standard
8 book numbers for the textbooks on the institution's internet
9 site in order for all booksellers and students to have access
10 to the information. The state board of regents is required to
11 provide the format in which the textbook information must be
12 provided.

13 In order to qualify for the exemption, the textbook sale
14 must take place during a period beginning at 12:01 a.m.
15 on the third Friday in August and ending at midnight on
16 the following Saturday, and a person must show a current
17 official identification card from a postsecondary educational
18 institution and either the purchaser or the bookseller must
19 show that the textbook intended to be purchased is on an
20 institution's textbooks list.

21 By operation of Code section 423.6, an item exempt from the
22 imposition of the sales tax is also exempt from the use tax
23 imposed in Code section 423.5.

24 The bill takes effect upon enactment.